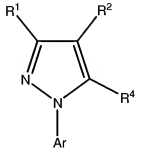
AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

Please amend the claims without prejudice, without admission, without surrender of subject matter, and without any intention of creating any estoppel as to equivalents, as follows.

1-25 (Cancelled)

26. (Previously presented) A premix which comprises from about 0.01 to about 20% (w/w) of at least one compound of the formula



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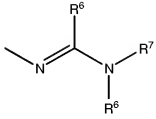
wherein:

R^1 represents H_2N-C(=S)-;

R^2 represents $S(O)_nR^3$ or 4,5-dicyanoimidazol-2-yl;

R^3 represents haloalkyl, haloalkenyl or haloalkynyl;

R^4 represents amino or a moiety selected from the group consisting of



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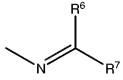

; and —NHR^8,

wherein

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n represents an integer equal to 0, 1, or 2;

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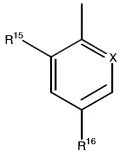


where

R^{15} and R^{17} represent, independently of each other, a hydrogen or halogen,

R^{16} represents a halogen, haloalkyl or haloalkoxy,

X represents a C-R^{17}, the other three valency positions of the carbon atom forming part of the aromatic ring,

a pharmaceutically acceptable excipient comprising:

i) about 5 to about 15% (w/w) of a pharmaceutically acceptable surfactant;

ii) about 5 to about 25% (w/w) of a pharmaceutically acceptable wax;

iii) about 0.1 to about 2% (w/w) of a pharmaceutically acceptable antioxidant;

iv) about 60 to about 80% (w/w) of a pharmaceutically acceptable carrier vehicle wherein said vehicle is selected from the group consisting of fine corn cobs, corn meal, citrus meal, fermented residues, ground oyster shells, wheat shorts, molasses solubles, bean mill feed, soy grits, crushed limestone and dried grains; and

v) a pharmaceutically acceptable pH modifier.

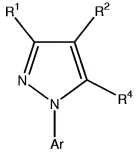
27. (Original) The premix according to claim 26 which further comprises a second parasiticide.

28. (Original) The premix according to claim 27 wherein the second parasiticide is selected from the group consisting of avermectins, milbemycins, IGR compounds, nodulisporic acid and nodulisporic acid derivatives.

29. (Original) A process for the control or elimination of external parasites from an animal which comprises adding the premix according to claim 26 to animal feed.

30-32. (Cancelled)

33. (Currently amended) A premix which comprises an effective amount of at least one compound of the formula



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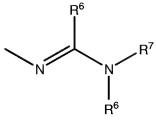

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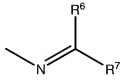

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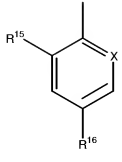

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an organic solvent, wherein said organic solvent is selected from the group consisting of diethylene glycol monobutyl ether, propylene glycol[[,]] and diethylene glycol monoethyl ether, ~~diethylene monobutyl ether and the like~~; and

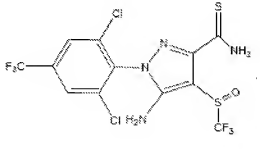
v) a pharmaceutically acceptable pH modifier.

34-36. (Cancelled)

37. (Previously presented) The premix of claims 26 or 27 or 28, wherein the at least one compound is a thioamide derivative of fipronil.

38. (Cancelled)

39. (Withdrawn, Currently amended) The premix of claim ~~38~~ 37, wherein the ~~thioamide derivative of fipronil has~~ thioamide derivative of fipronil has the formula:



40. (Cancelled)